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NCAI President focuses on energy and economic development

Jefferson Keel confident "a new era" has begun

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

In his Annual State of Indian Nations Address, given in Washington, D.C. on January 28, National Congress of American Indians President, Jefferson Keel acknowledged the beginning of a new era in Indian Country. Noting that while that in recent years Congress has passed legislation that has or will benefit Indian people, Keel reminded tribal leaders and government officials that there are still challenges and barriers that need to be met and crossed.

"The state of Indian Country is strong as we begin a new era with the United State government," he said. "We are poised to be full partners in America. We've demonstrated that we can contribute to make the whole country stronger. Our challenge now is to educate Congress and let them know who we are, what we stand for and what we can do to better our communities and the entire country. We're a great untapped source of opportunity." He added that while tribal communities may have different interests, all tribal governments have the



National Congress of American Indians President, Jefferson Keel.

potential for advancing the economic needs of the entire country.

Keel stated that while the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Indian Care improvement Act and a settlement of the Cobell case will all be beneficial and provide opportunities to Native communities, there are other opportunities.

"We need Congress to unleash the potential of energy resources on Indian lands and clear the way for Native Americans to develop energy on our lands," Keel said. He noted that there is a potential of over one trillion dollars in renewable energy on Indian lands and would like Congress to help supply the infrastructure to help tribes develop the natural resources in Indian County.

"Ten million dollars has been awarded to energy projects in Indian Country," Keel said. "We need to take advantage of the opportunity." He continued that "because our largest asset is our lands, we need to fix the process regarding the management of tribal lands." He urged that Congress cut the red tape that he believes blocks investment and prohibits growth in Indian County.

He stressed that the broadband technology on reservation lands needs to be improved so that tribes can grow and create jobs and opportunities. He asked that Congress allocate more funding to help tribes make the needed improvements to their infrastructure.

Among the improvements needed, he said, are the creation of job training programs and technology on reservations. For example, he said that while broadband technology is available to 95 percent of Americans, it is only available in 10 percent of Native communities. "Our kids lack the tools to compete for scholarships. We need to help them compete. Today is always a good day to start."

Keel concluded that as Indian Nations across the country work together to meet the challenge of building a "more perfect union" with the Congress, the challenge presents a great opportunity for self-reliance. "We only ask that Congress help clear the way by enacting policies that will allow our people to help themselves," Keel said. "We can do the work. The decisions before us today will be felt in life for seven generations and beyond."

Congress responds

In her congressional response, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, (R-Alaska) stated that progress has been made in Indian Country because the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has listened to, and worked together with the leaders of tribal governments.

She stated that while President Obama has agreed that tribal leaders should be

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Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board certifies Primary Election candidates

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

During a meeting held at the Executive Building on February 5, the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board certified candidates running for President or a seat on the Legislature in the March 8 Primary Election.

All candidates had to submit the required paperwork by January 7 and as part of the background check process, the Election Board verified that each candidate seeking a position on the Legislature have a four-year college degree.

The following candidates have been certified to be on the March 8, 2011 Primary Election Ballot.

President: Alvin Cloud, Bruce D. Decorah, Adutch-kay-Winga "Sandra" Decorah (Ten Bears), Conroy R. Greendeer, Sr., Jon Greendeer, Joan Greendeer-Lee, JoAnn Jones, Gregory A. Littlejohn, Robert (Bobby) Mudd, Jeremy Patrick Rockman, Troy E. Swallow.

District 1-Legislature Seat 2: Betty J. Kingsley*, Angela K. Ward, Susan Weber

District2-Legislature Seat 1: Daniel Brown, Andrea "Pepper" Estebo, Donald R. Greengrass Sr., Tracy L. Littlejohn, Molli Ann Pauliot, Miriam Whiteeagle.

District3-Legislature Seat 1: Allen Cloud, John Cloud III, Jean Ann Day, Elena Terry, Myrna J. Thompson*, Joyce Warner*.

District4-Legislature Seat 1:Shelby Visintin

District5-Legislature Seat 2: Rob Reider, Forrest Whiterabbit

Supreme Court-Associate Justice 2:Todd R. Matha

(*): Betty J. Kingsley, Myrna Thompson and Joyce Warner were certified pending the resubmission of fingerprints. Election Board Chairman Judy Whitehorse explained that while all three candidates were fingerprinted, through no fault of their own, their prints could not be read. The results should be available in 4-6 weeks.

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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

Missed Opportunities

I, again would like to apologize to my Elders for speaking my mind. As before I like to think I am an informed member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. I read the Hocak Worak on a regular basis and other Native papers from across the United States. A story that I came across was the story of Mr. Troy Rave and his quest to become a driver in NASCAR Series. I also read that he had to find some sponsors to make this a reality.

I read each and every tidbit in the paper, that's how I like to call myself an "informed member". I was in the "minutes" part and I ran across a couple of motions that the Nation stop sponsoring Troy Rave in his quest to become the first Native American NASCAR driver. That got me to thinking of the other things being the first in their respective field. I believe that one being a U.S. Naval Ship being named after a "Ho-Cak" warrior. At the time I believe this Hocak warrior was the first to have a ship named in his honor.

The fact he was Hocak and the first, I'm not trying to say they are on the same level of honor. But Hocak, nonetheless should mean a lot to us as fellow Hocaks. I am sure there are quite a few NASCAR fans within our nation that would like the honor to brag this to other tribal nations. Of course it being in a teasing manner. I have read a lot of stories in which the Ho-Chunk Nation is always looking to be leaders when it comes to other nations to follow.

I see a great opportunity for the Ho-Chunk Nation. There are some truly great benefits in going all out on sponsoring Mr. Troy Rave. The NASCAR Series is a nationwide event and it would give the Ho-Chunk Nation some national attention and give exposure to our Great Ho-Chunk Nation. I myself watch NASCAR and I see cars with other native nations displayed on their hoods and such. That just made me want to find out where these tribes were from.

It would also benefit our younger Hocaks, I believe Mr. Troy Rave would be a great role model. I would hope the Legislators would look at this from a business point, like the old saying goes, it takes money to make money! Don't let a handful of naysayers ruin a chance for the nation to be first in another field it would truly be sad for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Another missed opportunity.

Pinagigi
Respectfully
Walter J. Decorah

Dear Editor:

For a long time I have tried to get our people's attention that we need college educated Hocak people with majors in finance, accounting or business to fill the office of the President and Legislature positions.

In the past, there were times I didn't vote because of the candidate's education and qualifications. Today I am glad that there is a new amendment that requires all legislative candidates have earned a four-year degree.

We need Hocak candidates with finance, accounting or business degrees who can operate our multi-million dollar businesses with skill. We can't have candidates in these important positions that lack education. There are millions of dollars at stake.

Outside businesses, organizations and institutions will approach our new elected officials with business propositions. Our next administration must be able to talk and understand the world of business, protect our monetary gains and all our programs. We must not be "conned" or manipulated by skilled salesmanship to buy old businesses that went bankrupt.

In the past, administrations had little or no knowledge in business, finance, accounting or marketing. They were "conned" and influenced and lost millions of dollars when buying the Oakdale Plaza Mall and other businesses.

The Chicago area property is a problem. We need to sell it as a loss and a business failure.

Our administration must leave our per cap alone. It is important to maintain our dignity and pride of who we are as equals in the world of business.

Those that earn their doctorates in Sociology or other fields of discipline for employment are very impressive. But it doesn't provide the foundations in finance, accounting or business.

Owen Haga Mike
Dells Dam, WI

Ho-Chunk Respite Homes needed

Submitted by
Jackie Moen-Kdlec

Do you have room in your home for children? Are you currently not able to make a long-term commitment for placement of a child? Are you looking to make a difference in the life of a child? Here's your opportunity!

Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services is looking for respite care providers in the following communities: Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa and Black River Falls. Respite care is short-term care (one day to two weeks) provided to children who are in out-of-home placement. Respite providers are reimbursed $25 per day per child and help make the difference in the life of a child who is currently under the legal custody of Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services.

Respite providers are an integral part of a team of individuals who are looking out for the best interest of children. Relative Placements, Respite Providers and Placement Parents are required to have Federal Criminal Background Checks (fingerprints) and may not have any felony convictions on their records or may not have been charged with two or more violent related misdemeanors within the last five years. (25 U.S.C. "Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act") see pg, 6 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Children, Family Welfare Code.

If you are interested in becoming a Respite Provider, Relative Placement or a Placement Parent, please contact Jackie Moen-Kadlec at (715)-284-9851, extension

The General Council Agency would like input from HCN tribal membership on the location of the next General Council Meeting.

OPTIONS:

• Andrew Blackhawk Powwow Grounds in Black River Falls: The incentive will still be received but food and childcare will be at your own expense. Non-member food vendors will be available at powwow grounds.

• Ho-Chunk Casino Ballrooms: same protocol as in the past.

Contact your area General Council Agents
or call the main office at 800-294-93443 ext. 1075.

Please go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y9NZ7HD
to take the survey online or contact the General Council Agency office

Presidential Listening Sessions

2011

The public listening sessions are an opportunity for the Ho-Chunk Nation President, Wilfrid Cleveland and the Departmental Executive Directors to hear from you, Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members. The Office of the President will be holding listening sessions as follows. Please join us:

Rescheduled Listening Session Information:

When: Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 from 4:00pm-8:00pm
Where: Nekoosa Community Building ~ 916 Chakh Ha Chee Lane,
Nekoosa - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

When: Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 from 4:00pm-8:00pm
Where: Black River Falls ~ HHCDA Community Building,
W8813 Mission Road, BRF, WI

The Office of the President and the Executive Directors will be present to hear your thoughts and take part in conversation pertaining to the Nation and the Executive Branch departments.

We hope you will participate and look forward to hearing from you.

Legislative District Meeting Schedules

District 1 – Black River Falls
W9814 Airport Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Executive Building
2nd Wednesday-7:00 pm

District 2 – La Crosse
724 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
Ni Tani Hocira (Three Rivers)
2nd Monday – 7:00 pm

District 2 – Tomah
320 Epoch Street
Blue Wing Village Comm. Building
2nd Tuesday-6:00 pm

District 2-Baraboo
S2845 WhiteEagle Rd.
House of Wellness
2nd Monday -6:00 pm

District 2 – Madison
1320 Mendota St. Suite 107
Madison, WI 53714
Madison Branch Office
2nd Wednesday- 6:00 pm

District 3 – Wittenberg
N7240 Hwy 49 North
Wittenberg, WI 54499
Potch-Chee Nunk Building
2nd Monday -7:00 pm

District 3- Green Bay
2460 West Point Road
Green Bay, WI
Oneida Family & Rec. Center
2nd Tuesday – 6:00 pm

District 3 –WI Rapids
916 Chakh-Hah-Chee Lane
Nekoosa, WI 54457
Chakh-Hah-Chee Community Build.
2nd Wednesday – 6:00 pm

District 3 – Indian Heights(WI Dells)
N957 Dyer Avenue
Wisconsin Dells, WI
Indian Heights Community Building
2nd Thursday – 6:00 pm

District 4- Milwaukee
3501 Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207
Milwaukee Branch Office
2nd Thursday-6:00 pm

District 5 –MPLS/St. Paul
1821 University Ave. #408 N.
St. Paul , MN 55104
St. Paul Branch Office
2nd Thursday – 6:00 pm

District 5 – Chicago
5744 W. Irving Park. Rd.
Chicago, IL 60634
Chicago Branch Office
2nd Monday – 6:00 pm

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Where are you going?

Wata teekjeesge.

I have to go to work.

10 Weeks to your first 5K - *Part two*

By Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist

Below are the next two weeks of your training program. Remember, if this is your first time running or running in a long time, do not skip ahead. Just follow the program and get in shape over the next 10 weeks – there is no need to be sore in order to make progress. Please call if you have any questions. 715-284-9851, ext 5308. Set your sights for the La Crosse Fitness Festival or the Louella Blackdeer run/walk, both events are in May.

Week 3

Monday – Rest

Tuesday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 3 minutes. Keep the pace nice and easy. If you feel you cannot run for 3 minutes then take some short (10 – 15 seconds) walking breaks in your 3-minute jogging interval.

Wednesday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 2 minutes.

Thursday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 3 minutes.

Friday - Rest. If you feel like cross training, go ahead. If you do cross train, keep the intensity level very easy. You want to let your body recover on these rest days.

Saturday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 4 minutes. Another increase today.

Sunday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 4 minutes.

Week 4

Monday – Rest

Tuesday - Walk for 30 minutes. You eliminate the running portion for this workout because you have made a lot of increases in the last two weeks. This will give your body a little more rest this week. You will be making increases a bit faster after this workout.

Wednesday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 5 minutes. You are now jogging as much as you are walking. Remember to keep the pace fairly comfortable.

Thursday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 5 minutes and jog for 4 minutes. You back off a bit today to recover from yesterday's harder workout.

Friday - Rest or cross train.

Saturday - Today you will start to decrease the distance of your walking intervals. Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 4 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

Sunday - Walk/Jog for 30 minutes. Walk for 4 minutes and jog for 5 minutes.

It is always recommended to ask your physician if a running program would be safe for you. The Ho-Chunk Nation or Exercise Services is not responsible for any injuries or unforeseen circumstances that may occur by you voluntarily participating in this program.

Increase in seat belt usage thanks to Ho-Chunk Safety Program

Submitted by Nicole Thunder – Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program Coordinator

The number of Ho-Chunk Nation drivers' use of seat belts increased from 50-percent to 69-percent thanks to the Department of Health's Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program (MVIPP).

"Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury death for Native Americans," said Nicole Thunder from the Ho-Chunk Nation Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program. "That's why the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health created the culturally-tailored MVIPP to improve road safety and reduce injuries and deaths among tribal members."

The program's activities also increased passenger seat belt use from 33-percent to 63-percent. And the use of child safety seats jumped from just 26-percent up to 76-percent!

"We worked closely with the community to distribute more than 1,300 car seats between 2005 and 2009," said Thunder. "That's nearly 250 children a year that are now properly restrained in their caretakers' vehicles."

The Ho-Chunk partnered with local county police departments to conduct "Safe Native American Passengers" training to help officers build skills and increase enforcement of child safety seat use laws.

The Ho-Chunk Health Department also spread the message of seat belt usage at health fairs, pow wow's, re-enactment of car crashes, on billboards and through radio public service announcements.

"We often used a combination of English and the Ho-Chunk language to spread these important safety messages," said Thunder "We wanted to make sure every Ho-Chunk member understood the risks of not wearing a safety belt while driving."

The MVIPP program is ongoing and Ho-Chunk Health Department officials are hopeful even more members and community members will buckle up.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Feb. 18th, which will be published on Feb. 25th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



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Newly confirmed Executive Director shares her views

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

Appointed to serve as the Interim Executive Director of Education last October, Angela Ward had the Interim tag removed on January 18 when the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed Resolution 1-18-11E confirming her nomination.

From her office in the Executive Building, Angela explained what she would like implemented in a department designed to serve all Ho-Chunk students in all areas.



Executive Director of Education, Angela Ward.

Among those served are an estimated 1500 students who participate in the Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O'Malley or PreK-12 programs. The Department also serves approximately 120 Head Start students in five communities and an estimated 200 tribal members enrolled in post high school courses.

Concerned that despite the efforts of local districts, some Ho-Chunk youth are not always aware of their post high school options, or how to prepare for those options, Angela would like to supplement what the schools are doing in a number of areas. Along with helping the students learn what high school courses are needed to get into some colleges, she would like to establish a program that would help those wanting to attend college prepare for their ACT/SAT tests.

Working with the Ho-Chunk Division of Youth Services, she would like to hold regularly scheduled classes that would prepare students how to properly fill out college admission forms and financial aid applications and arrange for students to visit and tour some schools and college campuses in the area. She added that the department is currently working with Madison Area Technical College to set up a "College Fair" sometime this spring. "I would like to start working with students in the sixth grade on up to let them know what's out there."

Though most colleges charge a fee to apply, Angela encourages students to apply to at least five schools. She believes that students need to look around and to be able give them self a choice. She acknowledged that while good grades and high ACT/SAT scores play an important role when colleges review their applications, those same colleges take into account the extracurricular activities a student is involved in and she encourages students to become involved outside the classroom.

Although the Department of Education typically works with students who are under 21, Angela stressed that help is available for anyone wanting to continue their education. "No matter how old you are you can always go back to school. Anyone who is determined to continue their education can do so," she said. "We are here to help." She added that an often unspoken benefit of attending college is the opportunity to meet people of different backgrounds. She continued, "I've got friends from everywhere that I met in college."

Raised in Black River Falls, Angela attended Minnesota State University-Mankato, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ethnic Studies and a Masters' Degree in Ethnic and Multicultural Studies. Her work experience includes teaching at Minnesota State University-Mankato and serving as a paraprofessional in North Dakota.

Angela is the daughter of John and Gloria Ward of Black River Falls. Her paternal grandparents are Juanita Climer Ward and Bruce Ward. Her maternal grandparents are Ethelene and Ben Youngthunder.

Currently, Ward resides in Black River Falls with her five-year-old daughter, Kiana.

Nįįkuusra Community Charter School

Governance Board Regular Meeting

February 21, 2011 – 5:30 pm
Held at Alexander Middle School - Office Conference Room
540 Birch St., Nekoosa, WI

Important information about the $3.4 billion

Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

What is this About?

After 14 years, there is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*. The class action settles claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands.

Who is Included?

The Settlement includes Indians who:

- Had an IIM account anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009,
- Had an individual interest in trust land as of September 30, 2009, or
- Are heirs to deceased IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

- $1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Settlement.
- $1.9 billion to buy small interests in trust or restricted land to benefit Indian communities.
- Up to $60 million to fund scholarships for Indian youth.

How Much Money Can I Get?

- Most people included in the Settlement will get at least $1,500. Others may receive more or less based on the terms of the Settlement.
- If you are currently receiving an IIM account statement you do not have to do anything to get a payment.
- If you are not currently receiving an IIM account statement and you believe you are included in the Settlement, call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

For more information about the Settlement and your legal rights, (You have until April 20, 2011 to act on some of these rights)

Call: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com

Water-Themed story hours make a splash around Baraboo

Submitted by Carolyn Rumery Betz
Science Writer UW - Madison Aquatic Sciences Center

Wisconsin's Water Library is croaking, swimming and quacking its way around Baraboo as it conducts story hours with preschools, elementary schools, after-school programs and the public library as part of its outreach mission. The library, based out the University of Wisconsin's Aquatic Sciences Center, has a top-notch children's collection of books, videos and DVDs focusing on everything related to water, including the critters that live in or around water.

The story hour road show developed in support of the 2010 statewide summer reading program, "Make a Splash—Read." But the effort that continues in 2011 is also a reflection of Special Librarian Anne Moser's initiative to reach underserved populations around the state. These include groups that may not have high literacy rates or use their community's public library often.

Moser has visited the Neenk Chungra Head Start Program in the Wisconsin Dells four times. At one session, the theme was waterfowl. A dozen children aged three through five sat on the alphabet rug and enthusiastically listened to several books and poems about ducks, swans and cranes. After singing and acting out a song about ducks, the children moved to two tables where they created their own ducks using paper plates, construction paper, scissors and markers.

The children were excited to learn along with the "1-2-3" themed hour on Jan. 27. Since the craft involved making a paper octopus, the children were able to count to eight forwards, backwards and by two's. The craft also hones fine-motor skills by using scissors, markers and glue sticks.

"It's so good for the children," said Iwona Pakos, the director and lead teacher at the Neenk Chungra Head Start Program.

Moser brought a frog-themed story and craft hour to the Ho-Chunk Youth and Learning Center's after-school program in Baraboo which serves students from multiple Ho-Chunk schools in the region. The middle school children at the center were able to act as mentors to the younger children involved in the story and craft activities, especially in folding origami frogs.

Moser has also collaborated with Anne Horjus, program coordinator for youth services at the Baraboo Public Library. Horjus hosts regularly scheduled preschool story hours where Moser has introduced the world of water to the participants who attend with a parent, grandparent, or other adult.

"Libraries like special guests to come and do special programming," Moser said. "I see this as a great opportunity to bring science and literacy together."

The children's collection was started with a grant from the Friends of UW's Libraries to support a story hour effort for an early-elementary story hour program for an underserved community in Madison. The collection, as with the entire Wisconsin's Water Library, is unique in that it is part of the University of Wisconsin System, but is open to the public. Books or other materials may be requested by patrons and delivered to them via their own local library.



Anne Moser outside the Neenk Chungra Head Start; Photo by Carolyn Betz.

The State of Wisconsin challenges Ho-Chunk Gaming -Madison's ePoker Room

Arbitrator to decide if game is Class II or Class III

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

Following requests from local patrons who enjoy the game, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison recently introduced electronic Poker (ePoker) a table game that simulates the popular Texas Hold 'em played in most casinos. No dealer, chips or cards are used and players compete against each other, not the house or a computer. For offering the game, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison keeps 10 percent of every pot, a lower percentage if less than seven players are at the table.

Because Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison is a Class II facility, officials checked if the game could be offered. General Manager Carol Laustrup stated that prior to opening the Poker Room at the site, the Nation checked with the National Indian Gaming Commission seeking the legality of offering ePoker. The Commission agreed that because players compete against each other and not against the house (similar to the competition in traditional BINGO) ePoker should be considered Class II gaming.

The State of Wisconsin does not agree. Noting that they believe the Nation's agreement with the state limits the Madison site to offering only BINGO or BINGO themed slot machines, state officials are challenging the placement of the ePoker tables.



Steve Knudson, who heads the State Department of Administration's Gaming Division, stated that his office believes the tables constitute Class III gaming and that the Nation and the state have agreed to have an arbitrator settle the dispute. Knudson added that he expected the ePoker Room to remain open while both sides await the decision. The case could be reviewed in the next few months.

Ho-Chunk Police Force moving forward

Funding, personnel & equipment issues being addressed

John Kozlowicz, Staff Writer

Since Daniel Libke officially became the Ho-Chunk Nation's first Police Chief during a ceremony held last fall, work has continued as the infant Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Agency prepares to serve Ho-Chunk communities and tribal members.

Chief Libke is currently attending classes that will allow him to become certified by the State of Wisconsin. Along with enforcing Ho-Chunk laws, the certification will give him the authority to enforce state criminal law on tribal lands. In his absence, others, including Ho-Chunk Department of Justice Attorney, Kris Goodwill and Law Enforcement Office Administrator, CaraLee Murphy have been working to secure the funding that will enable the Agency to become a visible presence in Ho-Chunk communities.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is the ninth tribal government in the State of Wisconsin to establish its own law enforcement agency and Goodwill, Murphy and members of the Law Enforcement Commission have been working with other tribes, county law enforcement agencies and other resources seeking to establish relationships that will allow the Nation to most effectively establish a police force that will primarily be charged with enforcing the Nation's laws on tribal lands.

Plans call for two patrol officers to be on staff by this fall. To be based in Jackson County, the officers will train and work with local and county law enforcement personnel. Goodwill stressed that the Nation will continue to have Law Enforcement Agreements with six counties throughout Wisconsin and that Jackson County was chosen as the initial placement for Ho-Chunk Nation patrol officers simply because it is the highest population area.

Working with the Nation's Planning Department, the Law Enforcement Agency has applied for grant funding that will help fill many of its needs. If awarded to the agency, a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation could bring the Nation between $450K and 1,000,000 in the first year, Goodwill said. That funding that could be used in a number of ways.

Applicants may apply for funding to include, but not limited to:

• Strategic planning activities related to community policing.

• Approved entry-level salaries and benefits of newly hired or rehired full-time career law enforcement officers. Background investigations for newly hired officer positions.

• The purchase of equipment. Covered are uniforms, bullet-proof vests, police vehicles and the technology needed to run a department; including computer hardware and software and communication systems.

• Basic, comprehensive or specialized training for all officers.

• The travel costs associated with Department of Justice required training.

The Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Agency was recently awarded $19,751 from a Wisconsin State Law Enforcement Grant Program that will be applied to salaries and related startup costs.

Goodwill and Murphy are also helping gather data that provides evidence where funding is needed and the resources available to supply that funding.

The Nation has applied for grants that would target specific needs and areas, including participation in the Native American Gang and Prevention Task Force, the Homeland Security Equipment Register and the Native American Drug and Gang Initiative.

Murphy explained that part of the process in establishing a tribal law enforcement agency involves learning from others. Members of the Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Commission have visited other tribes and Murphy was planning a visit to the Lac du Flambeau Law Enforcement Agency. "We want to see what other tribes are doing," she said. "It will help us determine what we need and don't need."

Although the long-range goal includes having the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court decide criminal cases when the crime occurs on tribal property, Goodwill stressed that because the agency and the process is just beginning, the fulfillment of that goal is years in the future. For now, she said, the focus is on getting the equipment and training the personnel needed to make the Law Enforcement Agency a visible presence in Ho-Chunk communities.



Proposed assisted living facility

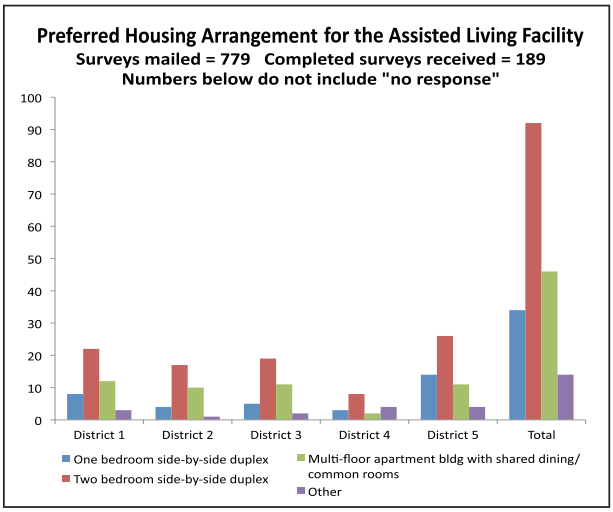
Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Planning/Administration

Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Advisory Board, a proposed Assisted Living Facility is being considered. In an effort to analyze the need, 779 surveys were mailed in late April and early May 2010 to all Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members age 55 years of age and older.

Housing, transportation, and services were the three main areas the survey focused on. Although the number of returned surveys was low, the results may have a direct impact on the Nation's decision regarding the feasibility of building and operating a facility of this type. The miscellaneous category on the survey offered information that will not necessarily impact the decision-making process however it is essential to creating policies and procedures. It will assist in determining whether additional services may be needed, e.g. transportation, lawn care, etc.

Actual locations for the facilities were scored based on the rankings of respondents in each district. The Black River Falls and Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo areas had the highest rankings for facility locations. The preferred housing arrangement is a 2-bedroom side-by-side duplex. This design is being considered as it allows Elders independence, accessibility safety, and sociability.

The next Elder Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011, 9 a.m., at the Blue Wing Tribal Aging Unit - Elder Center. The topic of discussion will be the proposed Assisted Living Facilities, location, service program collaboration, and building types.



Wittenberg Youth & Learning Center: Quarterly Report

Submitted by
Lanette Walker
Photos by Kathy LaMere

I was asked to write a quarterly report for the Center here in the berg. I was wondering which quarter I should be writing about? The first quarter of the school year? The per cap quarter? The quarters according to the fiscal year? So many to choose from and so much to report.

We have now completed two quarters here in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District and semester grades are in and looking pretty good. I have to first acknowledge all of the students that we work with here on a somewhat regular basis. I say somewhat regular because there are many students in this area who do not use the center regularly, but do get supports from their families and are doing well.

As many of your know we cover many issues and topics in each of the centers. We focus on things like academics, physical fitness/recreation, prevention, leadership, community service, art/crafts, and culture. As many of you know everyone is good at something. Students who have made achievements in academics are; Logan Ostenson, Iris Carufel, Ariana Bourdon, Danee Walker, Devon Roth, and Kaylia WhiteEagle all students at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. We also have Erica WhiteEagle, Diaz Decorah, and Lauren WhiteEagle who all attend Birnamwood Middle School.

We also have those that are interested and participate in the arts. Both high school and middle school band members include; Ariana Bourdon, Danee Walker, Kaylia WhiteEagle, Iris Carufel, Sylvia Walker, Erica WhiteEagle, Kozee Decorah, and Summer Roth. In fact, Miss Erica WhiteEagle was selected to the All State Band as a middle schooler. Wow! Iris Carufel is also involved in the musicals at WBHS and her last performance was in, "No Strings Attached." She is also a member of the chorus.

This past fall we were represented by the following students for football; Jacob Vargas, George WhiteWing, Dominik Anderson, John WhiteWing, Isaiah Vargas, Ben Jozwiak, Summer Roth, and Marcus Ball. Still others who were in a fall sport were; Danika Decorah, Logan Ostenson and Lorenzo Vargas for cross country. Swimming included Danee Walker. We also had some cheerleaders this fall and they were; Rayann Wolf, Danyelle Decorah, India Ostenson, Angelia Ramirez. This fall also brought homecoming and Jacob Vargas was one of the Senior Reps. Middle school volleyball participant was Erica WhiteEagle.

Winter sports include wrestling, boys and girls basketball. Grapplers include; George WhiteWing, Devon Roth, Summer Roth, and Maurice BigJohn. Ballers included; Dominik Anderson, Jacob Vargas, John WhiteWing, Skyler Bourdon, Danika Decorah, Schay Anderson, Erica WhiteEagle, Kozee Decorah, Sylvia Walker, Olivia Curley, India Ostenson, and Danyelle Decorah.

For the younger grades we had a number of students who got "caught being good." That's an actual award by the way. The teachers recognize students who demonstrate good behavior. The "caught being good" awards lead to the "good citizens" award. The following students have been recognized for the 1st semester of the school year; Angelia Ramirez, Camryn LaBarge, Mark LaBarge, Angelina Sanchez, Letytia Hindsley, Lizzy Long, Nams Caldwell, Olivia Curley, Ethin Hintz, Yaritza Rivera, Shalina WhiteWing, Halle Beversdorf, Danyelle Decorah, and India Ostenson.

Recreation for the first two quarters of the school year have included exercise class with Kathy Clemons once a month, and our attempt to get back from Anchorage, Alaska on our virtual walk. This is our second virtual walk. Our first walk was to Yosemite National Park and back. Any and all exercise you log get turned into miles and many of the families have been logging their miles in an attempt to get us back home. Thank you to the Community Mobilization/Special Diabetes Program for Indians on your assistance for the Y Membership. We appreciate all of your assistance with our young people and families.

We've had a small change with our staff. Our teacher Nicole Oknewski is off temporarily and we have an LTE teacher Kelly Knudsen filling in while she is off. You can reach us at 715.253.3369 and you can find us on facebook, under pac haci youth & learning center.



Mark and Camryn LaBargeon attend family night and help decorate cookies in December.



(Front row): Angelia Ramirez, Maurice BigJohn, Lauren WhiteEagle, Yaritza Rivera, Angelina Sanchez, and Danyelle Decorah. (Back row) Kiaz Calderon and Olivia Curley.

Nekoosa Youth & Learning Center: Quarterly Report

Submitted by Bonnie K. Smith, Center Director

November: In addition to homework assistance and open center where the youth can play board games, Wii games, Nintendo games, pool or foosball we had a Life Skills presentation by Ken Luchterhand, a fitness program by Kathleen Clemons, a nutrition presentation and snack by Sheila Wunrow, fry bread making by Violet Snowball, an alcohol and drug presentation by AODA staff, Skate City on 11/19 with other areas, movies in Wis. Rapids and Family Fun Night with games and a dinner. Our teacher has weekly lessons on a variety of topics for the youth. For our Fitness Initiative we have contracted with the Port Edwards YMCA for use of the gym, pool and game room on Wednesdays from 4:00. to 5:30 in an effort to get the children up and moving during the times when cold weather keeps us indoors.

December: We started out the month with our weekly trip to the Port Edwards YMCA and then had Kathleen Clemons present fitness activities. Youth Service personnel held an All Staff at Ho-Chunk Convention Center on 12/6-8 where training and planning were conducted for future events. Family Fun Night consisted of a community party with a meal, holiday song and dance choreographed by our own Kathleen Roberts and a visit from Santa for pictures and to present each child with candy & fruit bags and a gift card. We took our youth to Stevens Point for a bowling activity, sledding in Nekoosa with hot chocolate and cookies afterwards, and a lock-in at the Wis. Dells Youth Center with other areas. Ken did his Life Skills presentation, an AODA presentation was held, and our nutritionist Sheila presented on the topic of holiday eating. We also had our weekly lessons by teacher Kathleen Roberts. The Center was closed for Christmas break from 12/23/10 through 1/3/11.

January: Along with our usual Life Skills, Nutrition, Fitness, AODA and weekly trips to the Port Edwards YMCA we started our own language and culture program as our area doesn't have a language teacher. This is possible through the use of materials obtained from the Language and Culture program in Mauston. Our Family Fun Night had a Hawaiian theme so we could have warm thoughts during this cold time of year. Events for this month were tubing at Sylvan Hills in Wausau with Wittenberg and Dells areas and a sledding event in Nekoosa. At the end of the month we took our youth to Celebrating Youth in Madison for some art exhibits, activities, and exhibitor booths that have a multicultural theme.

Our monthly calendar is available at the HCN website.

ADDRESS: 4946 Winneshiek Lane | Nekoosa, WI, 54457
PHONE: (715) 886-5128
o-Chunk nation website

Staff of the Nekoosa Youth & Learning Center:
Bonnie Smith, Center Director
Cameron WhiteEagle, Home/School Coordinator
Kathleen Roberts, Teacher
Dawn Smith, Youth Coordinator
Ramona McDonald, LTE Youth Coordinator

Madison Youth Center Quarterly Report

Submitted by
Miriam Whiteagle - Ho-Chunk Nation
Madison Youth Center Director

In November the students took a trip to Ripley's Believe it or Not museum in Wisconsin Dells, WI. We did many Thanksgiving art projects throughout the month. Our preventions this month included Gang prevention and Diabetes.

In December we had a Holiday Family outing at Ultrazone/Lasertag. Our projects included making 3-story gingerbread houses, Christmas placemats and Mickey Mouse candy boxes. We also had our monthly Indian taco fundraiser.

This month we had a family day outing at Eastgate cinemas in replacement of Ice Skating because the weather was too cold. Our other activity was for the youth 7th grade and up to Keva sports complex for sober Saturday night. Language also started back up on Wednesday's and Thursday's. Our preventions this month addressed, respect and peace- making.

Events coming up: Salon Day at Madison Area Technical College, and Indian taco sales on 2/18/11 and 3/18/11.

Center Director- Miriam Whiteagle
Home School Coordinator- Shane Wade
Teacher- Saresa Ryckman
Youth Coordinator- Shaleen Miller

JON GREENDEER

Vote March 8th!

for
President of the
Ho-Chunk Nation

Some Issues

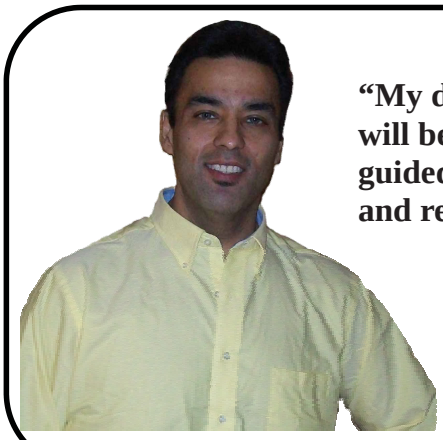
Separation - Untangle our businesses from the sluggish government processes for higher profitability.
Lynwood/Southland *Project* - We need a Performance Review for our membership on our Return on Investment. We must Assess it's value and create options to assist our members in these tough economical times.
Employment - Create a opportunities for Ho-Chunks who want to work. We need a meaningful and effective policy that gets our membership in the door and gives them a chance to demonstrate their abilities for our great Nation. Employment moves our people forward.
Identity - Tribal IDs, License Plates, Public Relations are some ways to create a positive image and let our sovereignty show. These items will move forward with the support of our members.
Economy - We cannot turn our backs. The rising cost of fuel and childcare make it financially pointless for some to come to work. Investments are at risk and even two-income homes are struggling. Education, financial literacy, childcare subsidization, and employment are some of our greatest allies as we look at a plan to bring growth and prosperity during down times.

Education and Accomplishments

2006 Mediation Training Institute International - Mediation Certification

2004 University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Bachelors of Science, Political Science
Multicultural & Diversity Issues Director
United Council Award of Excellence in Multicultural Issues
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science National Honors Society
Chancellor's Leadership Award Recipient

2001 University of Wisconsin - Marathon County, Associates of Arts & Science
Vice-President of the Student Association
Chancellor's Award for Excellent in Student Government
United Council University System Student Delegation of the Year
UWMC Ambassador of the Year
United Council Grass Roots Organizer of the Year



"My direction as President will be positive and will be guided by our inherent culture and respect for one another."

Mąąšųsga

"Please visit www.jongreendeer.com for more information."

Vote March 8th for
GREG LITTLEJOHN FOR PRESIDENT



I humbly request your support of my candidacy. I am a member of the Bear Clan. My Choka was Grant Littlejohn and my Gaga was Rachael (nee Whitedeer) Littlejohn. My Jaji was Edward G. Littlejohn Sr. He was one of the first Business Committee members of the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee. Let us reflect on their past accomplishments – appreciate all of their sacrifices and achievements that produced our current constitution and organizational structure.

I was a Personnel Coordinator for seven (7) years with the City of Minneapolis – Civil Service Commission, I have been a licensed insurance agent (all lines) for thirty-one (31) years, and I have served as a Ho-Chunk Legislator for District 5 for ten (10) years.

Elect me to the Presidency so that I may actively pursue the following goals and objectives:

- Maximize the profitability of our Enterprises in order to sustain your per cap
- I support the enactment of our HCN tax code
- Expand our Gaming Enterprises
- Pursue 8 (a) certification of our Ho-Chunk Nation
- Practice fiscal responsibility within our Government
- Expand youth/elder/veterans/language program offerings
- Integrate our branches of Government and encourage them to work cooperatively toward a better future for our children.

I have assembled a very experienced and talented "cabinet" which will launch my Presidential Team into the 21st Century.

You may call me at (507)894-4517 or leave me a message and I will get back to you.

Follow me on Facebook.

Pina Gigi,
Greg Littlejohn, Presidential Candidate
District 5





GET OUT AND VOTE For
AREA II LEGISLATOR

Donald Greengrass Sr.

Helping to build the Ho Chunk Nation since 1995

Attend Area meetings

JOM member (Vice Chair)

Regional TERO Secretary

Past Dept. of Housing Board member

Current Dept. of Labor Board member

Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 member (1st Vice)

Mitchell Red Cloud Marine Corps League Det. member

Ho Chunk Area Golf Association member

Healing Center Committee member

State Certified Substance Abuse Counselor

Employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation since 1995:
Executive Director of Administration, Housing
TERO Director
Federal Programs Director
Youth Services Director
Legislative Intern
Substance Abuse Counselor

Thank you for your support and don't forget to vote.

Vote March 08, 2011 for

Robert (Bobby) Mudd
Candidate for President

On March 8, 2011, Ho-Chunk Tribal Members will go to the polls for the primary election. I have decided to run for President of the Ho-Chunk Nation. My decision to run is threefold in nature.

First and foremost is the need for the Office of the President to address the balance of power between the Legislative and Executive Branches working in conjunction with the General Council.

Second is the challenge to diversify our economy! How long can we survive solely on just gaming revenue?

Third is to ensure transparency in terms of release of information to the Ho-Chunk Nation members on a regular basis.



Qualifications and experience:

- ➢ Twenty years (20) construction experience.
- ➢ Seventeen years (17) Executive gaming management experience.
- ➢ Ten years (10) business and gaming consultant.
- ➢ Viet Nam, era veteran "Paratrooper 101st Airborne Division"
- ➢ Bachelor degree from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- ➢ Master of Business Administration (MBA) University Phoenix, AZ

If Elected I will accomplish the items listed below:

- ✥ Addressing elder concerns on a personal level!
- ✥ Reorganizing TAU for the benefit of the Elders.
- ✥ Enforcing Ho-Chunk preference in hiring, in training, and in securing job advancements for Tribal members.
- ✥ Moving Class I, II, III gaming out from under governmental control, to make it more competitive.
- ✥ Maintaining a close working relationship with the Legislature to accomplish all activities of the Nation.
- ✥ Subdividing more tribal property for residential building of more homes.
- ✥ Ensuring veteran's issues are treated properly including priority for home ownership.

I can be contacted at www.casinoconsulting.us

VOTE Robert (Bobby) Mudd
FOR PRESIDENT ON March 8, 2011

EXERCISE YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE

VOTE FOR AREA 3 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

ALLEN CLOUD

Son of the late Edward and Ruth (Greengrass) Cloud, understands the Ho-Chunk language and culture.

My goals for the Nation will be based on the following. Please review and make your decision to VOTE FOR ME!!

Pinagigi!

- ✓ **Uphold** the Ho-Chunk Constitution
- ✓ **Expand** business ventures for greater resources to the Nation and be more competitive with other populations
- ✓ **Document** the stories and experiences of our elders
- ✓ **Empower** parents with information to support their children in educational and financial decisions
- ✓ **Determine** where the Ho-Chunk Nation fits within the local, state, and national economy
- ✓ **Support** Ho-Chunk cultural and social activities
- ✓ **Expand** communication with tribal membership



VOTE MARCH 8th

ALLEN CLOUD

AREA 3 LEGISLATOR-SEAT 1

(Paid for by the Allen Cloud žura fund.)



Elect Rob Reider
District V Representative
Ho-Chunk Nation
Legislature

Message to the Tribal Members of Area 5

I am respectively asking for your support and vote in the upcoming election on Tuesday March 8, 2011.

My platform is in favor of:

*Sustainable Per Capita
*At-Large Housing
*Work diligently to provide area 5 youth access to educational opportunities
*Promoting Culture and Tradition
*Separation of Business and Government
*Controlled Spending
*Economic Diversification

Qualifications:

*Graduated from Winona State University with a degree in Marketing and Business Administration
*12 years in Business Management Capacity
*In the 4 years that I have managed the Retail Stores for the Ho-Chunk Nation Net Income has grown 300%
*Interaction with all levels of employment with the Nation, from the Frontline staff to the Legislative Body and Office of the President

I will listen to your concerns and be your Voice in Black River Falls

VOTE MARCH 8TH

ELENA TERRY

DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE



- 1998 BA- Political Science & Philosophy
- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- 13 Years experience working in the community as an educational advocate
- Developed Youth Government, Game of Life Choices & Career Fair for Youth Services Programming

Believe in:

- Prioritizing the preservation of Language & Culture programming to further Bridge the Gap with our youth
- Continuing the expansion of tribal programming(i.e. Education, Veteran's Affairs, Social Services, Health, Housing, Language)
- Strengthening Intergovernmental relationships with State and Federal Level representatives
- Fiscal Accountability of Tribal Operations

As I attended school throughout Illinois, I always cherished the time spent with my family in Wisconsin Dells. After completing school, I returned home. Since then, I have worked with a generation of our youth as they grew into young adults. I know, and have experienced the difficulties that we face as a people. I have been, and will continue to work towards fulfilling the dreams my grandparents had for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

BELIEVE IN CHANGE
VOTE FOR ELENA TERRY ON MARCH 8TH
PINAGIGI

VOTE FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT
CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR

FORREST WHITERABBIT

WAKANJA ZIGA

DISTRICT 5 LEGISLATOR



Greetings!

My name is Andrea "Pepper" Estebo (Mak' ewiga) and I am asking for your vote March 8th. I grew up in Blue Wing Village (Ahucho) and have been a Tomah resident for over 35 years. I am a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and granddaughter of Milford and Germaine Green.

I am very familiar with our Ho-Chunk government and what it will take to move forward. I am currently working on a Masters Degree in Business Administration - Organizational Development with an expected completion date of 2012. I hold a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration received in 2010, an Associate of Arts in General Business received in 2007, and an Associate in Applied Science- Supervisory Management received in 2004.

I've worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation for over thirteen years. For the past three and a half years I have been employed as the Executive Director of Administration. I enjoy my job, the people I work with and the many challenges that it brings. Above all I enjoy remaining active in our Ho-Chunk community, helping our people and making a difference.

VOTE MARCH 8th

ANDREA "PEPPER" ESTEBO

DISTRICT 2 LEGISLATOR

VOTE FOR

Andrea "Pepper" Estebo

HCN District 2 Legislator

I WILL listen to my constituents and make decisions that will benefit the entire Ho-Chunk Nation.

I WILL have the future of the Nation in the forefront of my endeavors - our Ho-Chunk youth.

I WILL uphold the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and serve YOU, the people.

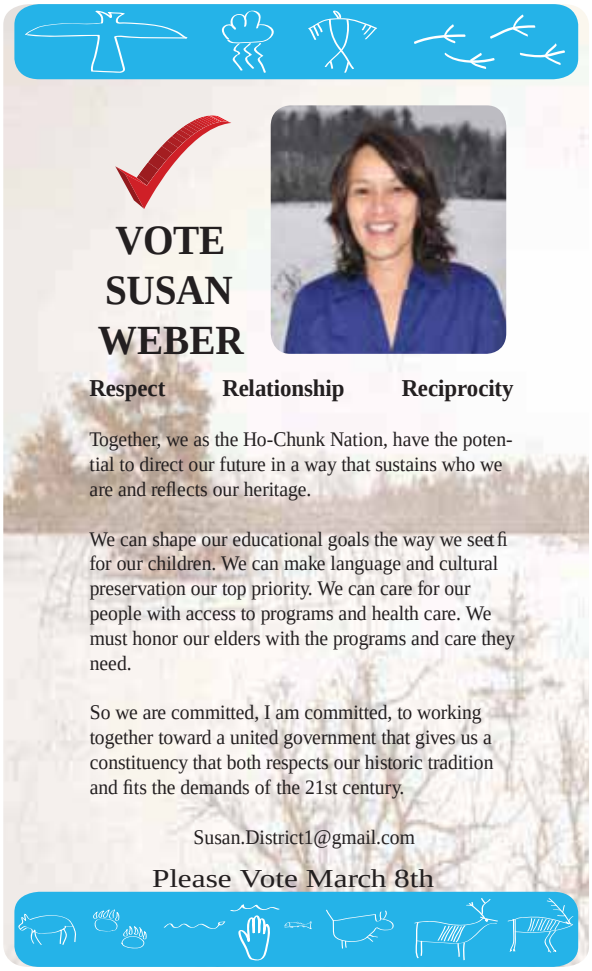
GOALS

Focus on the internal structure of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Develop rules for holding the Legislature accountable. Establish a plan to further educate and train Legislators on all applicable laws, codes and regulations that apply.

Implement processes and procedures for the Legislature and each of their committees.

Establish fiscal priorities & Keep Kijire Naga a priority.

PINAGIGI



WHO DO YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR?

SOMEONE WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE NATION FOR MANY YEARS

WHY: BECAUSE THEY WILL KNOW THE WORKINGS OF THE NATION.

SOMEONE WHO HAS A GOOD WORK RECORD.

WHY: THEN YOU KNOW THEY WILL STICK WITH THE JOB EVEN IN HARD TIMES.

SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO WORK WITH STATE, TRIBAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WHY: BECAUSE YOU WILL KNOW THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO INTERACT WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKINGS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE.

IF THESE ARE SOME OF THE ASPECTS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN A LEGISLATOR – LOOK MY WAY

JEAN-ANN DAY

I worked for the Nation many years, developed programs for the tribal members to get assistance, assisted with the first grant of the Nation, 1974. Found the first office for the Nation at UW-Stevens Point, and wrote grants to bring federal programs into the Nation. Still doing it.

I have worked with many organizations outside of the Nation. United Nations as a representative of a Native Organization, advocated for Human Rights at the United Nations. Lobbied for Human Rights in Washington DC. Assisted with the passing of the state Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act. Traveled in North America, Costa Rica and abroad to bring awareness of Native Rights.

Vote for me because I would like to be your advocate. I would become the voice of the people. By listening to your needs.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Huesmann Law Office, Petitioner, v. Henry Greengrass, Respondent.
Case : CG10-130

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Henry Greengrass

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . *See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed ***can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.*** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
John H. Betz, DDS, Petitioner, v. Henry Greengrass, Respondent.
Case : CG10-131

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Henry Greengrass

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Dane County Clerk of Court, Petitioner, v. Daniel Pesek, Respondent.
Case : CG10-133

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Daniel Pesek

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NCAI President

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involved when Congress establishes a budget for Indian Country, the proposed Obama budget freeze will likely affect programs that have been historically underfunded. She vowed to "fight for the funding levels that Indian tribes deserve."

She continued that providing for Native governments is a federal, not a state responsibility, and that commerce, treaty and property clauses have handed Congress certain responsibilities when working with Indian people.

She agreed with President Keel that helping Indian tribes develop the natural resources on their lands would benefit all Americans. "Indian land has 10 percent of all the natural resources in America," she said. "We must include Indian Country as we seek to develop energy sources."

Murkowski is aware that certain health, social and technology issue continue to burden Indian Country. Along with having the highest rates of unemployment and suicide among any ethnic racial group, she noted that Indian people are twice as likely to suffer from diabetes, die in car crash or be a victim of aggravated assault. On some reservations, 15 percent of the homes have no electricity and close to one-third of all homes are without phone service.

"It is Congress' responsibility to help solve these problems," she said. "I pledge to keep these Native issues in the forefront of our discussions in Congress. We have much work to be done for the benefit of Native people."

NOTICE

Ho-Chunk Nation Primary General Election
Candidates Forum - District 1

Wednesday March 2, 2011 • 5 pm – 10 pm
Majestic Pines Bingo Hall

All Candidates running for Associate Justice, President and District 1 Legislature
Are invited to attend ~ District 1 wants to hear from you!

Ho-Chunk Nation

Constitution Reform Task Force

(HCRTF)
Monthly Meeting will be held on
Saturday, February 26th, 2011
9 AM in the Upper Dells
Boardroom at Ho-Chunk Casino Baraboo, WI

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor Safety Division Training Opportunities

Health and Safety Training is an important and necessary part of any job. As an employer, you have the responsibility of providing for your employees safety at work by enforcing rules and regulations and providing all the safety equipment they may need. As an employee, you are responsible for following all safety rules put in place by your employer and government agencies, such as OSHA, and the Ho-Chunk Nation OSHD. The Ho-Chunk Nation Safety Division offers several training classes to prepare you for possible placement into entry level positions or to enhance your skills on your current job.

Here are just a few examples of the training we provide.*

Violence in the Workplace	OSHA 10 hour & 30 hour**
Confined Space Entry	Lockout/Tagout
Respiratory Protection	Personal Protective Equipment
Hazard Communication	Basic CPR/First Aid
Hazardous Materials Awareness	Powered Industrial Truck
Fire Safety	

* Please note that a minimum of 4 participants and a maximum of 12 participants are needed to provide training.
**General Industry or Construction

If you are interested, please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Safety Division at 800-294-9343 ext. 1152, 1150 or 1153 for more information.



HO-CHUNK NATION

Safety Administrator

Black River Falls, WI.

Qualifications: A Bachelors Degree in Safety, Occupational Health Loss Control or other closely related field or at least a minimum of 8 years experience. Have a minimum of 2-5 years of progressively increasing management experience, with emphasis in areas of Occupational Safety and Health or Public Safety and Health. Progressive experience in developing, implementing and managing safety and occupational health and public safety programs. Possesses knowledge and experience in disaster/emergency management planning and hazard mitigation. Possesses experience in training workers, supervisors, managers, or other occupational safety and health personnel in occupational safety, health and emergency management duties. Designing or modifying workplaces, process, products, or other systems to control or eliminate hazards. Possesses experience in the inspection and surveying workplaces, processes, or other systems for compliance with established occupational safety and health policies or standards and to identify potential new hazards. Knowledge of the standard principles, practices, methods and techniques of Worker's Compensation. Thorough understanding of and ability to enforce all Ho-Chunk Nation, federal, state, and local regulations. Must possess excellent organizational skills with ability to plan and prioritize effectively. Good interpersonal and communication skills required. Able to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends. Valid driver's license, dependable transportation and proper insurance.

We offer 401(K), Health, Dental, Vision, and Life benefits.

Please submit APPLICATION & RESUME to:
Ho-Chunk Nation - Department of Personnel
PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615
(800) 232-0086 FAX: (715) 284-9465

Application Deadline: February 16, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.

See our jobs online at: www.ho-chunknation.com

Training Opportunity

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor will offer two classes to prepare you for possible placement into entry level Road Crew positions.

Upon successful completion, you will receive certification in Flagging, OSHA 30, CRP, First Aid and Fire Safety. Classes will be limited to 10 participants. You must have basic computer skills as course work will be done on a computer. PRE-REGISTRATION is required at least 1 week prior to the class.

The first class will be in Black River Falls from February 7th through February 11th starting promptly at 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

The second class will be in Madison from March 7th through March 11th starting promptly at 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

If you are interested, contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of TERO at 800-294-9343 ext. 1136 or 1141 for information about the TERO Road Crew Certification class. There will be no charge for the class for participants who successfully complete the courses. Participants will be required to sign an attendance agreement with TERO. Lunch will be provided.





National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Offered to all Ho-Chunk Nation Employees
12:00pm – 4:00pm
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Room
Presented by the Division of Transportation
Please RSVP to the Division of Transportation @ 715-284-9343 Ext 1095
Seating is Limited

Monroe County Sheriff's Officer #2 Full Vacancy/Full-time

Responsibilities: Patrol Lieutenant: second-line supervisor. Responsible for the operations/supervision of the patrol, investigations, civil process and bailiff division.
Salary: $23.66 – $28.80 per hour
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Qualification: U.S. Citizen; driver license; good driving record; good physical condition; eligibility for Wisconsin law enforcement standards board certification; High school diploma; 60 college credits; bachelor degree
Apply by: 4:00 p.m., 2/23/11
Submit: DJ-LE-330; resume
Contact: Ed Smudde
Monroe County Personnel Office
14345 Co. Hwy. B, room 3, Sparta, WI. 54656-4509
Phone: 608-269-8719; Fax: 608-269-8839
Email: Ed.Smudde@co.monroe.wi.us

Actors Wanted

For a short film to be shot in the Baraboo area in the next month or two. Filmmaker Sherman Funmaker writes and directs this short film about two Native boys, a mother of one and how they deal with love and rejection. The Director is looking for the following:

Native Boy One – 12 to 14 years old. A smart mature kid that is a bit of a wise guy.

Native Boy Two – 17 to 20 years old. The cousin of the 12 year old. He is the one caught up in this love situation.

Mother (Native woman preferred) 45 to 55 years old. The widow who holds the family together.

Other Native acting parts also available.

Some acting experience would be good but not necessary. This is a very good opportunity to give acting a try. For more information please call or email Sherman at redragz@yahoo.com or at (608)408-9652

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POSTER CONTEST

Diversity week: Proud of our Native American Heritage.

The Tomah/Sparta Local Indian Education Committee (LIEC) is sponsoring a poster contest to promote Native American Awareness Week (NAAW) which will be the week of April 26 - 29, 2011.

This week is aimed at presenting the history and traditions of our Native American Culture. The goal is to educate our communities about our heritage and who we are as Native Americans.

CONTEST THEME: ***Proud of our Native American Heritage***

ELIGIBILITY

The Diversity Week/Native American Awareness Week Poster Contest is open to all Native American youth kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students must reside in the Tomah and Sparta school districts. Judging will be done by the LIEC/parent group.

ENTRIES & DEADLINE

Any media may be used (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer generated entries). Picture collages are acceptable.

- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a group of students.
- The theme ***Proud of our Native American Heritage*** must be on your poster. (Do not use any other title).
- Although younger students may seek assistance from parents or teachers, the LIEC encourages students to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score higher than those designed, drawn and colored by an adult or with adult assistance.
- Student full name, school district, age, address and phone number must be included on the back of the poster. In addition the poster must have the parent or legal guardian's printed name and signature authorizing their child to take part in the contest.
- Entries must be postmarked by March 8, 2011 and mailed to:

LIEC NAAW Poster Contest
c/o Tomah Youth & Learning Center
P.O. Box 228, Tomah, WI 54660

Onsite delivery is allowed through Friday, March 11th, 4:30pm. Entries can be dropped off at the front desk of:

Housing & Public Works
500 East Veterans Street, Building 23, Tomah, WI 54660

PRIZES

The top two posters will receive monetary prizes. The first place winner will receive $100 and their poster will be displayed April 15th – May 15th on a billboard located in Tomah, WI. The second place winner will receive $75. Both posters will be displayed in the HoCak Worak.

http://nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster/2011/forestry_2011.htmal
http:nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster

As the contest is sponsored by the LIEC through JOM funding all applicants must be at least one-fourth (1/4) blood of a descendant of a member of an American Indian Tribe which is eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States and must be enrolled or willing to enroll into the local JOM program.



DODGEBALL TRY-OUTS
BOYS & GIRLS
US Indigenous Games 2011

Date: **February 13th, 2011** **(Sunday)**
Time: **11:00am**
Location: **Menominee High School—N522 Hwy 47/55 Keshena WI**

For more information contact Scott Murray at 920.713.8532

BOYS & GIRLS BILLIARDS TRY-OUTS



Date: **February 12th, 2011** **(Saturday)**
Time: **Door's open at 10:30am,** **Competition starts at 11:00am**
Location: **Mickey's Sports Bar & Grill—1239 Schofield Avenue**
Schofield, WI 54476
8 ball and 9 ball. Must compete in both. Bring your own cue sticks.

For more information contact Redmon Danforth at 920.713.8654

Valentine's Day
Dance & Cakewalk



Treat your sweetheart to a fun and special night out!

Soup, cowboy bread & soda all for $5.00

From: 5:00pm to 9:00pm

At: The Sanford WhiteEagle Post 556

The Sanford WhiteEagle Post 556 & Ladies Auxiliary Unit 556 presents:

Valentine Sweetheart Raffle

Treat your sweetheart to a special night out!

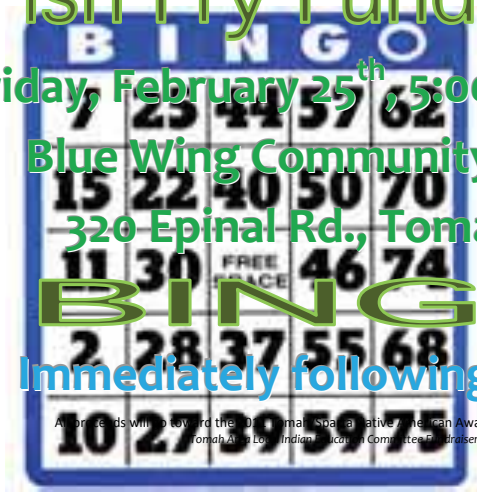
$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5.00

Includes: $100.00 Copper Oaks Steakhouse Gift certificate
Theater tickets for 2 w/popcorn & soda
1-night stay in the Honeymoon suite at the Ho-Chunk Hotel

Drawing on Monday, February 14th, 2011

Please see: Vicki Browneagle in Slots, Tina Topping in Marketing,

Fish Fry Fundraiser



Friday, February 25th, 5:00pm dinner

Blue Wing Community Center

320 Epinal Rd., Tomah, WI

BINGO

Immediately following dinner.

All proceeds will go toward the Tomah Spiritual Alternative Native American Awareness Week activities.
Tomah Area Local Indian Education Committee Fundraiser

Division of Natural Resources Presents

Wildlife Tracking For Friends and Family

Track I: February 26th From 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Track II: February 27th From 12:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Black River Falls Veterans Affairs Building

Learn about animal behavior and wildlife track identification. Learn about HCN DNR Wolf Monitoring.

Limited space available. Please register by February 24th by dropping into the DNR office or calling. Snacks and lunch will be provided by BRF JOM IEC.

Any questions call Wildlife Technician, Karen Karash 715.284.2852 x1106

Join us for a day of Tubing

Christmas Mountain

Saturday, February 26th

9:30am to 11:30am & 1pm to 3 pm



Tubing will be done in 2 separate groups. Each group is open to a maximum of 85 people. Please contact one of the following people if you are interested in attending: Karena Nichols, Chris Frederick, or Rachel Montana

Lunch will be provided

All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Due to grant restrictions, this event is open to Native Americans only

This event is being sponsored by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO MEMBERSHIP

After failed attempts to resolve a dispute with the Ho-Chunk Constitutional Reform Task Force (HCRTF) over the interpretation of Resolution 09-18-10-1, the General Council Agency was forced to file a lawsuit against HCRTF. The GCA filed suit because HCRTF was acting outside the scope of their authority and investigating the GCA instead of following their mandate provided by General Council.

At the Preliminary Injunction hearing scheduled for February 9. 2011, Trial Court Judge, Amanda Rockman adjourned the hearing until February 15, 2011, to allow HCTRF to find an attorney. The Department of Justice appeared on behalf of HCRTF, but Justice had a conflict of interest under the Rules of Professional Conduct because the Attorney General was likely to be called as a witness, and because Justice is under the Executive Branch and has a duty to represent the interest of the Nation that may prohibit them from representing the HCRTF. The Department of Justice was allowed to intervene to represent the Nation. GCA Agents in attendance were:, Marvin Decorah, Sr. (Chair), Milly Whiteagle-Lee (Vice-Chair), Roger Thundercloud (WI Dells, Agent), Mike Sallaway (La Crosse, Agent), Francis Decorah (Tomah, Agent), and Melody Fintak (Tomah, Alternate). None of the HCRTF agents were in attendance.

[This press release was prepared by and approved by John Swimmer, Attorney for General Council. This release is required by the Executive Director of Administration before GCA can publish any material in the Worak].

Ho-Chunk youth tops cookie sales

Sara L. Peterson
Staff Writer

Seven year-old Marlene Morningstar Decorah of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin was awarded the 2011 top cookie seller for the Badger land Girl Scout Troop 4469 selling a whopping 322 boxes of cookies. This is the second year this determined Ho-Chunk youth has taken this honor. The annual fundraiser is important as all funds raised go back into the organization to be used towards trips and activities for the girls.

Marlene enjoys taking part in all the activities Girl Scouts has to offer. Being a Girl Scout has allowed her many new experiences such as horseback riding, roller skating, volunteering, and other fun and educational activities.

She stated, "Helping others makes me feel happy." During the Thanksgiving holiday her troop baked cookies and buns for the less fortunate in Juneau County and sent items to soldiers who are serving their country.

Marlene is very involved with her Ho-Chunk Culture and has traveled all over the United States, as well as into Canada, dancing at pow-wows. She dances traditional appliqué as well as jingle dress. "I want to thank my mom and dad for helping me sell all those cookies and to all my friends and relatives and those that purchased cookies from me – THANK YOU!"



Marlene Morningstar accepting her award for being top cookie seller with her parents Sanford and Sandy Decorah.



Early Spring or longer Winter?

Submitted by
Hocak Worak Staff

"The heavy snow, falling temperatures and anticipated blizzard can cause dangerous drifting and blowing snow as well as limited visibility on roads and highways which can cause treacherous driving conditions," said Governor Walker on February 2, when many states were hit with another huge winter storm and blizzard causing some states to go into a "state of emergency".

With the blizzard continuing to move across southern Wisconsin and into the Eastern states, on February 2, roads and weather conditions not in tip-top shape, there were still many spectators waiting to hear if the Nation's legendary groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil from Pennsylvania, saw his shadow .



Phil enjoying a ride around the town to meet his cheering fans.

"In the middle of one of the biggest winter storms in decades, Punxsutawney Phil emerged just after dawn on Groundhog Day to make his 125th annual weather forecast in front of a smaller-than-usual crowd in rural Pennsylvania who braved muddy, icy conditions to hear his handlers reveal that he had not seen his shadow." (AP)

This tradition has been going on for 125 years. The belief says that if a hibernating animal sees its shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If there is no shadow it is said that spring shall come early.

According to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, which runs the event, Phil has now seen his shadow 98 times and hasn't seen it just 16 times since 1887. It has been estimated that the accuracy in his predictions are only 40%.

If this particular groundhog is correct, you may want to start dusting off those gardening tools and purchasing a new pair of gloves because spring is just around he corner.



Friends for life

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

On February 2, a group of men who met as young boys, traveled to the Veterans Home in King, WI to talk, laugh and reminisce about growing up on the east side of Wisconsin Rapids.

Labeled by some, "The Sand Hill Boys", after an area in Wisconsin Rapids, one of the "boys", Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Robert "Bobby" Johnson, lives at King, after an accident in 2007 left him confined to a motorized wheelchair, with limited use of his hands and arms.

First injured in 2003 when he fell an estimated 15 feet while working as an ironworker, Bobby was limited but able to get around on his own until a fall down a flight of stairs led to his current condition.

Childhood friends John Swartout, Gary Stone and Darrell Newman joined Bobby's brother, Wally and his his nephew, Wayne Johnson, for a trip down memory lane.

Throughout the three-hour visit, the six remembered and talked about what happened when they wore a younger man's clothes. The topics ranged from picking up pop bottles (and cashing them in for a nickel a piece), playing baseball, rummaging through the trash at a local salvage yard and jumping a train to take them to the other side of town. Following girls was part of growing up and they all agreed "we couldn't decide if we were chasing or running from the ladies."



Robert "Bobby" Johnson

They also talked about running around an old dirt track at an elementary school, an activity that later became a major part of Bobby's life. A member of the track and cross country teams at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School prior to his graduation in 1966, Bobby served in the military from 1969-71, stationed in Vietnam and Germany. Darrell, who was stationed in Germany at the same time remembers walking around and seeing a familiar face. "I couldn't believe it. Here we were in another country, halfway around the world and I saw Bobby," he laughed.

Returning home, Bobby worked a number of jobs and resumed running. Wally remembered that when Bobby worked in Plover, about 15-20 miles from his home in Wisconsin Rapids, he used to run home. "I just wanted to run again," Bobby recalled.

In 1985, he entered Grandma's Marathon held in Duluth, MN, hoping to finish in a time that would qualify him to enter America's best known marathon held in Boston every Patriot's Day, April 17. He did qualify and for the next 13 years (1986-98) he participated in and also completed the Boston Marathon. Asked if he remembered his fastest time, he never hesitated. "It was 2 hours, 37 minutes and 32 seconds, an average of about six minutes a mile," he stated. Despite his success his fondest memory of Boston is the "the pushing and shoving and just fighting through the pain."



The "Sand Hill Boys": Standing (L to R): Wally Johnson, Darrell Newman, John Swartout, Wayne Johnson. Front: Bobby and Gary Stone.

Besides running, Bobby enjoyed and was accomplished at many sports. Wally recalled, "no matter what it was, he just seemed to pick it up better than anyone else." His athletic achievements aside, his boyhood friends agreed their fondest memory is the way Bobby treated others. "He was always there for everybody," Darrell said. "If anybody needed anything, they called Bobby."

After his fall in 2007, Bobby has spent time at the Mayo Clinic, nursing homes in Wisconsin Rapids and the VA Center in Milwaukee. He has been at King since last fall, where he undergoes physical therapy in hopes of regaining some use of his hands and arms.

Limited by his disability, Bobby needs help performing everyday tasks, including eating. When asked how the food was, he quickly replied, "Just like the Army," he said with a grimace.

A one-time "very amateur" photographer, Bobby enjoys talking about the pictures he took while walking in the woods or hunting. He still follows sports and smiled when Wayne gave him a Green Bay Packer NFC Championship hat that Bobby promised to wear on Super Bowl Sunday.

He welcomes and invites old friends or newer ones to stop and visit him at King.

Reflections of the Chief

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

On the weekend of January 21-23, while many stayed in the comfort of their own home and stayed toasty warm, two Ho-Chunks and an Ojibwe ventured out into the cold for the 21st annual Flake Out Festival; held at the festival grounds at Buffalo Phil's Pizza and Grille in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Out of 20 teams in the state competition, one team dropped out of the race last minute and there was a spot open. After being on a waiting list for two years, Ho-Chunk tribal member and team captain Elena Terry received a phone call late in the afternoon on the Wednesday before competition began, and she answered with a hearty "YES, we'll be there".

By Thursday morning, a drawing of the team's concept was submitted. Although team member Cory Funmaker said the drawing looked like a chimpanzee, they continued on with the task ahead.

On Friday morning starting at 8 am, Elena, Cory, and Eddie J. Benton from Hayward began their journey into the unknown. With temperatures ranging from 1 degree to minus 22 degrees, these three gung-ho individuals set out with their snow shovel, ice spade, jungle machete, axe, ladder, 5 gallon bucket and a block of snow 6x6x8 and began sculpting their concept "Reflections of the Chief".

Having only 48 hours to complete the finished product and not knowing what to expect, with their long johns, toe warmers, double layers of clothing, and their thermo gear they started right away by taking away the unnecessary bulk.



Finished product titled "Reflections of the Chief".



Drawing of "Reflections of the Chief" concept.

Within the first hour and time flying by, the sculpture was centered, outlined, and designed. Each member of the team chose an area to focus on and diligently got to work. "Because of the deep freeze, we decided a two handled saw was the most precise way to chip away at the form," said captain Terry, "and by the end of Friday night, his shape was clearly visible."

The team did not get much sleep but were up and at her on Saturday morning bright and early. Although the weather was not looking like it would be in their favor for the rest of the competition, they packed a large bag full of extra gloves, hats and clothes, and headed to the grounds. As the hours passed and the temperature continued to drop, they adamantly worked on their work of art.

Slowly chipping away the excess snow, the team watched their sculpture begin to come into its own. The below freezing temperatures created many difficulties for the team, the water froze almost instantly, the snow was very brittle and dry, and the winds made it tough for them to warm up; but they kept working.

"Through the night, we realized our time to work was quickly slipping away. Hours felt like minutes as tools down quickly approached," said Elena. "We worked straight through the night until 4 am on Saturday and returned at 6 am on Sunday to add the final touches. At 8 am, the official end of the competition, a great feeling of accomplishment flooded our team as our sculpture was complete."



Sculptors (L-R) Cory Funmaker, Team Captain Elena Terry, and Eddie J Benton pose next to their masterpiece.

Although the team did not take home the medal and suffered with very chapped faces, many of the other teams congratulated them on their sculpture. Several teams approached them commenting with disbelief that this was the first time any of them had ever done something like this.

"We finally got a chance to take a good long look at the other entries. It was amazing, all these great works of art created in such a short time. A test of each team's endurance, creativity, skills, and abilities was clear," said Elena.

In the end, one sculpture won all three prizes, but they have been invited back to compete next year with a brand new concept. Now, with a better grasp of what the competition entails, they will be ready. Little did they know that there is a whole society of snow sculptors who travel the world for competitions from Italy to Japan.

"Watch out. Here we come!" said Elena with a smile on her face.